

**Proposed Minutes**  
**Friend of the Court Bureau**  
**Advisory Committee Annual Meeting**  
State Court Administrative Office – Lansing, MI  
Thursday, October 6, 2005

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. William Brooks, Lynn Bullard, Murray Davis, Patti Holden, Fred Lebowitz, Hon. Mabel Mayfield, and Anthony Paruk

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Suzanne Hoseth

**STAFF PRESENT:** None

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2. **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Approval of the July 7, 2005 minutes – The following corrections were noted: the date of the minutes should be July 7, 2005, not October 6, 2005, the next meeting date should be October 6, 2005, not January 6, 2006, and Lebowitz was an excused absence. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the unfinished business portion of the minutes and the fact that some members believed that there was not enough detail regarding the discussion of the role of the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee (FOCAC). Agreement to have the July 7, 2005 minutes reflect in the unfinished business portion of the minutes a first sentence that reads as follows: The FOCAC will address the continuing necessity of the FOCAC with Dan Wright. Comments and thoughts should be solicited from each of the members. Further, it is the consensus of the FOCAC that the FOCAC continue to serve our constituency.” Motion by Mayfield to amend and adopt the minutes, seconded by Paruk. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed. Answers provided were satisfactory responses. Motion by Holden to amend agenda to hold elections for officers, supported by Mayfield. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayfield to suspend regular meeting and go to annual meeting, supported by Paruk. Motion carried.

Annual meeting public comment – none.

Motion by Davis that current officers continue to serve for the new year, supported by

Paruk. Motion carried.

Discussion of vacancies. Holden will draft letter to Court Administrator that the vacancies on the FOCAC need to be filled as soon as possible, and urging that they be filled prior to the next meeting of the FOCAC.

Motion by Davis to close annual meeting, supported by Paruk. Motion carried.

3. **Unfinished Business**

Discussion of the role of the FOCAC. Agenda – who is responsible for drafting and posting agenda. Support staff – will FOCB staff be made available for minutes. Lunch – Will FOCB continue to provide lunch during the FOCAC meeting. Brooks will write letter to Dan Wright about these issues and inquire as to the level of support and interaction that the FOCAC can expect from the FOCB. Also, Brooks will include an invitation to Carl Gromek to attend a FOCAC meeting and allow him to introduce himself to the FOCAC.

4. **New Business**

Discussion of standardization of parenting time guidelines and parenting time enforcement. Discussion of available statistics regarding parenting time orders and parenting time enforcement. Discussion of complaints for parenting time that are never filed. Discussion of available forms for parenting time complaints/enforcement. Davis and Lebowitz appointed to a sub-committee to review these items and report back to the FOCAC.

The issue of parenting time guidelines and enforcement should be placed on the January meeting agenda together with the issue of the 2006 meeting schedule. The next regular meeting is January 5, 2006, 10:00 a.m.

5. **CLOSING**

Motion by Mayfield to Adjourn, supported by Paruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bullard